South Ayrshire Council

Report by Director of Communities and Transformation to Cabinet of 23 April 2024

Subject: Proposed Temporary Relocation of The Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to progress with the recommendation to temporarily relocate the Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- 2.1.1 authorises officers to progress with the relocation of the Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre on a temporary basis and delegates authority to officers to grant to South Carrick Community Leisure SCIO a temporary licence to occupy part of the Girvan Community Centre, subject to appropriate terms and conditions:
- 2.1.2 notes the agreement for the temporary relocation from the Girvan community centre of existing users as set out in Appendix 2 and that any increase in the cost of the temporary let to Council premises will be met by the Council and reasonable relocation costs agreed with the Council in advance will be met by the South Carrick Community Leisure SCIO; and
- 2.1.3 agrees that officers continue to support groups who have failed to agree an alternative location and identify potential suitable accommodation for displaced groups.

3. Background

- 3.1 After recent storms which caused significant damage to the structure of the Quay Zone in Girvan, Thriving Communities were asked to consider the options available within Girvan to relocate The Quay Zone Gym on a temporary basis.
- 3.2 Thriving Communities Officers met with Quay Zone representatives on 1 February 2024 along with colleagues from Asset Management. At this meeting Quay Zone representatives detailed their requirements and Officers agreed to consider options available.

- 3.3 Asset Management provided details of operational properties in Girvan which could potentially be used for the temporary gym. These properties were reviewed, and a desktop analysis of these properties was carried out to identify their suitability and any potential challenges.
- 3.4 Properties included Girvan Academy, Knockcushan Street Offices, Girvan Community Centre, Carrick Opportunities Centre and Girvan Library. Appendix 1 provides information on these properties.
- 3.5 The Service Lead for Thriving Communities contacted the Chair of Girvan Community Centre Users Group (GCCUG) to discuss the possibility of utilising Girvan Community Centre.
- 3.6 The Service Lead for Thriving Communities has liaised directly with the Chair of GCCUG and has met all of the groups individually. Eight groups were identified as being potentially impacted by the relocation of The Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre. The displacement will also impact existing one-off let bookings at the centre.
- 3.7 On 13 February 2024 approximately 70 people attended a meeting, at the Community Centre, with the Service Lead for Thriving Communities to discuss the proposals and potential challenges. It was agreed that the Service Lead for Thriving Communities would liaise with the groups directly and identify options available.
- 3.8 Discussions with individual groups have taken place and groups have considered or visited various properties including Girvan Community Hospital, Carrick Opportunities Centre, Girvan Town House, Z1 and local Church Halls.
- 3.9 On 21 March 2024 a further public meeting took place in Girvan Community Centre with the Service Lead for Thriving Communities and GCCUR. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting and were provided with an update from Officers. Groups completed forms with their details and feedback.
- 3.10 The first floor of the Community Centre will not be used by South Carrick Community Leisure SCIO, therefore there will be no impact to the Play Group and Craft Group.
- 3.11 A draft plan of the proposed Gym floorplan has ruled out any shared space within the main hall at the Community Centre.
- 3.12 Details of the groups and alternative accommodation recommendations are noted within Appendix 2. Opportunities in Retirement (OIR) have not yet agreed to alternative accommodation. The group visited Carrick Opportunities Centre and Z1 Youth Centre and deemed these venues unsuitable. Other premises were also ruled out due to the location or availability at the specific times that the group currently meet. The OIR group have confirmed that they do not want to consider an alternative time or day for their session.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 Members are asked to:
 - 4.1.1 agree that officers progress with the relocation of the Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre on a temporary basis and delegates authority to officers to grant to South Carrick Community Leisure SCIO a temporary

- licence to occupy part of the Girvan Community Centre, subject to appropriate terms and conditions;
- 4.1.2 note the agreement for the temporary relocation of existing users set out in Appendix 2 and that any increase in the cost of the temporary let at Council premises will be met by the Council and reasonable relocation costs agreed in advance will be met by the Quayzone; and
- 4.1.3 note that officers will continue to identify potential alternative accommodation for any remaining displaced groups.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 A temporary Licence to Occupy part of the Girvan Community Centre will require to be granted to South Carrick Community Leisure SCIO.
- 5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 Costs should be met by SAC in relation to any increase in let charges where discretion would be applied. The additional loss of revenue from the existing lets should be met by the South Carrick Community Leisure SCIO.

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 Facilities Management staff may be impacted by changes to operational arrangements and discussions have taken place with the Service Lead - Facilities Management in relation to alternative options for any displaced staff.

8. Risk

8.1 Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations

8.1.1 There may be negativity expressed by some members of the community, particularly existing users of Girvan Community Centre.

8.2 Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations

8.2.1 The Council may not be able to identify any other premises that could temporarily accommodate The Quay Zone Gym.

9. Equalities

9.1 The proposals within this report have been assessed through the EQIA scoping process and potentially it may have a negative impact to some users of the centre. However, all users, with the exception of one group have accepted the alternative accommodation that was identified. Work will continue to find a suitable alternative location for the last remaining group. A full equalities impact assessment has been carried out in Appendix 3.

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 **Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document

otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 Officers have considered options to accommodate The Quay Zone in various SAC premises, the Community Centre is the preferred option at this stage.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 This report contributes to priority two Live, Work, Learn of the SAC plan 2023-2028

13. Results of Consultation

- 13.1 No formal consultation has taken place, however engagement with members from The Quay Zone and GCCUR has taken place.
- 13.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Brian Connolly, Portfolio Holder for Sport and Leisure, Councillor Alec Clark, Portfolio Holder Rural Affairs and Councillor Martin Kilbride, Portfolio Holder for Buildings, Housing and Environment, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Director of Communities and Transformation will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Cabinet in the 'Council and Cabinet Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

Implementation	Due date	Managed by
Conclude a licence to occupy with South Carrick Community Leisure SCIO to relocate the Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre	June 2024	Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer

Background Papers None

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Appendix 1

Analysis of properties carried out February 2024 by Estates/Asset Management

Description	Number	Street	Identifiable Spaces	Additional Notes
Girvan Academy	62	The Avenue	Fitness Area 145sqm and Gymnasium 203sq m with changing facilities - shown bounded red on marked up plan	* Potentially only available outwith school hours, separate access may need to be looked at and area secured. * Accessibility Access would require to be checked. * Car parking should be adequate. * Changing facilities should be adequate, secure locker facilities may need to be provided if not there already.
Girvan Community Centre	80	Dalrymple Street	GF - Main Hall extends to 162 sqm, FF - Main space is 94sqm with two additional general purpose areas of 31 and 35 sqm	* Accessibility would be an issue as the building does not have a lift. * Car parking - limited spaces to the rear of the community centre. * Dedicated changing facilities would require to be installed. * Floor loading should be assessed at in relation to gym equipment. * Potential displacement of current community centre activities relating to fixed gym equipment areas. * Change of use may be required.
Carrick Opportunities Centre	20F	Henrietta Street	Potential space on first floor. Two general purpose rooms of 45 & 48sqm and Art Room of 60sqm – shown bounded red on marked up plan	 * Building has a lift but accessibility route would require to be checked. * Limited car parking spaces available around building. * Floor loading should be assessed in relation to gym equipment. * Dedicated changing facilities would require to be installed. * Potential displacement of current activities relating to fixed gym equipment areas.
Girvan Library		Troweir Road	Potential use of whole building with a Gross Internal Area of 470sqm once currently library provision has been relocated	 * Potential refurbishment of building once library has been relocated to provide re-purposed spaces. * Car parking is very limited around building. * Floor loading should be assessed in relation to gym equipment. * Accessibility Access would require to be checked. * Change of use may be required.

Appendix 2

Alternative Options for relocating groups

Group Name	Details of Group	Days / Times / Months	Alternative Accommodation	
Living with leisure	Constituted group who provide opportunities for older people to socialise and participate in issue based sessions. Approximately 60 members with a weekly attendance of 45-55 people.	Mondays 1pm – 4pm 1st Monday October – last Monday in March. *The group does not require space April – September	Carrick Opportunities Centre, Girvan The Conference Room has been identified as a suitable space for the group.	The group visited The Carrick Opportunities Centre and have agreed to relocate to the Centre. Thriving Communities officers will provide assistance when the group restarts in October 2024.
Girvan District Flower Club	The group organise floral art demonstrations and practical floral art sessions. Approximately 24 people attend weekly.	2 nd Wednesdays of month 7-9pm 4 th Wednesday of month 6-10pm September – June (No December meeting)	Carrick Opportunities Centre, Girvan The Conference Room has been identified as a suitable space for the group.	The group visited The Carrick Opportunities Centre and have agreed to relocate to the Centre. Storage has been agreed for the group.
Parent and Toddlers Group	Small parent and toddlers group approximately 6 people attend weekly.	Wednesdays 9.30am – 11.30am Friday 9.30am -11.30am Term time	Carrick Opportunities Centre, Girvan The Conference Room has been identified as a suitable space for the group. The sensory room could be accessed also.	The group visited The Carrick Opportunities Centre and have agreed to relocate to the Centre.
Craft Group	Self help and social group. Card making and crafts.	Tuesdays 1.30pm – 4.30pm	The group will remain in Girvan Community Centre	The group will remain upstairs in Girvan Community Centre

Group Name	Details of Group	Days / Times / Months	Alternative Accommodation	
Girvan Friendship Group	Constituted social group that provide opportunities for adults to improve mental health and wellbeing.	Tuesday 2pm – 4pm Tuesday 6pm - 9pm Friday 12pm – 2pm January - December	Carrick Opportunities Centre, Girvan The Conference Room has been identified as a suitable space for the group. Z1 Youth Centre is also suitable however its is not available on Tuesday evenings.	The group visited The Carrick Opportunities Centre and have agreed to relocate to the Centre. Thriving Communities officers will provide assistance with relocating and storing equipment.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Self-help addiction support service.	Monday 7pm -10pm Thursday 10am - 12pm January - December	Carrick Opportunities Centre, Girvan The Conference Room and Macadam Room have been identified as a suitable space for the group.	The group visited The Carrick Opportunities Centre and have agreed to relocate to the Centre.
Opportunities In Retirement	Line Dancing group for older adults.	Wednesday 1-3.30pm September – June	Carrick Opportunities was identified as a suitable space, however the group did not feel this was suitable. The group visited Z1 and this was not suitable.	The group have considered various venues however we have not been able to agree suitable premises. Carrick Opportunities having a carpet was deemed not suitable. Z1 would need to start in the morning or consider alternative days/times. The Church Hall is not available on Wednesday and the group would not consider other days.

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			Sacred Hearts of Girvan Church Hall could not accommodate Wednesdays. Dance Studio	The Dance studio could not provide facilities for teas and coffees.
Opportunities In Retirement	Keep fit group for older adults.	Thursday 1.30 - 3.30pm September - June	Carrick Opportunities Centre, Girvan The Conference Room was deemed suitable however the group want to the same venue as the other OIR group. The group also visited Z1 Youth Group.	The group want to be located in the same place as the OIR line dancing groups to the vulnerability of users.

It has been agreed there will be no displacement to the play group located on the first floor however it should be noted that the group have been supportive and open to being relocated in a school if required.



South Ayrshire Council Equality Impact Assessment including Fairer Scotland Duty

Section One: Policy Details*

Name of Policy	Relocation of Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre on a temporary basis.
Lead Officer (Name/Position)	Jamie Tait
Support Team (Names/Positions) including Critical Friend	Ali Mutch – Acting Service Lead Destination South Ayrshire

^{*}The term Policy is used throughout the assessment to embrace the full range of policies, procedures, strategies, projects, applications for funding or financial decisions.

What are the main aims of the policy?	The main aim of this decision/policy is to consider the options available for the relocation of The Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre.
What are the intended outcomes of the policy?	The intended outcome is to agree the recommendation to relocate the Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre on a temporary basis.

Section Two: What are the Likely Impacts of the Policy?

Will the policy impact upon the whole population of South Ayrshire and/or particular groups within the population? (please specify)

This decision would mainly impact residents in South Carrick and surrounding towns and villages who either access Girvan Community Centre or The Quay Zone Leisure Centre.

It is likely that a range of groups could be positively or negatively impacted by this decision.

The Quay Zone report they have 872 members with approximately 550 accessing the gym. The closure of The Quay Zone is therefore having a significant impact on the South Carrick Community.

Girvan Community Centre is currently accessed by a range of groups including children and young people and older adults in retirement. Displacement may impact the following groups:

- Wellbeing Group
- Opportunities In Retirement
- Playgroup
- Alcohol Addiction Group
- Social groups

Group could be accommodated elsewhere and options appraisal for relocation of groups would be carried out.

Considering the following Protected Characteristics and themes, what likely impacts or issues does the policy have for the group or community?

List any likely positive and/or negative impacts.

Protected Characteristics	Positive and/or Negative Impacts
Age: Issues relating to different age groups e.g. older people or children and young people	Quay Zone members would benefit, this would include young people and adults.

	Girvan Community Centre users could be negatively impacted if they are having to be relocated or if suitable accommodation could not be found.
Disability : Issues relating to disabled people	 Quay Zone members with disabilities would benefit if the gym was reopened at an alternative temporary location. Girvan Community Centre users could be negatively impacted by the disruption and relocation, however suitable alternative accommodation would be sought to accommodate the groups.
Gender Reassignment – Trans/Transgender: Issues relating to people who have proposed, started or completed a process to change his or her sex	 Quay Zone members who are trans/transgender would benefit if the gym was reopened at an alternative temporary location. Girvan Community Centre users could be negatively impacted by the disruption and relocation, however suitable alternative accommodation would be sought to accommodate the groups.
Marriage and Civil Partnership: Issues relating to people who are married or are in a civil partnership	 Quay Zone members who are married or in a civil partnership would benefit if the gym was reopened at an alternative temporary location Girvan Community Centre users could be negatively impacted by the disruption and relocation, however suitable alternative accommodation would be sought to accommodate the groups.
Pregnancy and Maternity: Issues relating to woman who are pregnant and/or on maternity leave	 Quay Zone members who are pregnant or on maternity leave would benefit if the gym was reopened at an alternative temporary location Girvan Community Centre users could be negatively impacted by the disruption and relocation, however suitable alternative accommodation would be sought to accommodate the groups.
Race: Issues relating to people from different racial groups,(BME) ethnic minorities, including Gypsy/Travellers	 Quay Zone members from different groups would benefit if the gym was reopened at an alternative temporary location. Girvan Community Centre users could be negatively impacted by the disruption and relocation, however suitable alternative accommodation would be sought to accommodate the groups.

Religion or Belief: Issues relating to a person's religion or belief (including non-belief)	 Quay Zone members with religious beliefs would benefit if the gym was reopened at an alternative temporary location. Girvan Community Centre users could be negatively impacted by the disruption and relocation, however suitable alternative accommodation would be sought to accommodate the groups.
Sex: Issues specific to women and men/or girls and boys	 Quay Zone members would benefit if the gym was reopened at an alternative temporary location Girvan Community Centre users could be negatively impacted by the disruption and relocation, however suitable alternative accommodation would be sought to accommodate the groups.
Sexual Orientation: Issues relating to a person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, heterosexual/straight	 Quay Zone members would benefit if the gym was reopened at an alternative temporary location Girvan Community Centre users could be negatively impacted by the disruption and relocation, however suitable alternative accommodation would be sought to accommodate the groups.

Equality and Diversity Themes Relevant to South Ayrshire Council	Positive and/or Negative Impacts
Health Issues and impacts affecting people's health	The closure of The Quay Zone will ultimately have an impact on people's health and wellbeing as they will not be able to access gym and fitness provision in Girvan.
	The Quay Zone have reported the gym has around 550 members that are impacted by the closure.
	The facility is well used and is a key driver to improving health and wellbeing in Girvan.
	Girvan Community Centre accommodates a range of groups that include wellbeing groups, social groups, playgroups and groups for older people in retirement.
Human Rights: Issues and impacts affecting people's human rights such as being treated with dignity and respect, the right to education, the right to respect for private and family life, and the right to free elections.	This should not impact the humas rights of any individual or group.

Socio-Economic Disadvantage	Positive and/or Negative Impacts

Low Income/Income Poverty: Issues: cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food and clothing.	Members of The Quay Zone may not be able to access any other gym/fitness provision due to costs and fuel poverty to travel elsewhere. Groups accessing Girvan Community Centre may be impacted by the costs of hiring alternative premises, if they are displaced.	
Low and/or no wealth: Issues: enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future	Members of The Quay Zone may not be able to access any other gym/fitness provision due to costs and fuel poverty to travel elsewhere. Group accessing Girvan Community Centre may be impacted by the costs of hire alternative premises, if they are displaced.	
Material Deprivation: Issues: being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies	Members of the Quay Zone may not be able to access any other gym/fitness provision due to costs and fuel poverty to travel elsewhere. Group accessing Girvan Community Centre may be impacted by the costs of hire alternative premises, if they are displaced.	
Area Deprivation: Issues: where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport)	Members of the Quay Zone may not be able to access any other gym/fitness provision due to costs and fuel poverty to travel elsewhere. Group accessing Girvan Community Centre may be impacted by the costs of hire alternative premises, if they are displaced.	

Section Three: Evidence Used in Developing the Policy

Involvement and Consultation In assessing the impact(s) set out	Officers were asked to consider options for the relocation of The Quay Zone to premises owned by	
above what evidence has been collected from involvement,	SAC. Officers consider properties including Girvan Library, Girvan Academy, SAC Offices - Knockcushan	
engagement or consultation? Who did you involve, when and how?		
	Estates Officers carried out a scoping exercise of these properties and Girvan Community Centre was deemed the most suitable.	
	Officers from Thriving Communities have engaged with individual groups, the users group committee and there have been two public sessions for users to attend.	

Data and Research In assessing the impact set out above what evidence has been collected from research or other data. Please specify what research was carried out or data collected, when and how this was done.	The public sessions were attended by approx. 70 people on 13 th February 2024 and approximately 40 people on 21 st March 2024. Site visits have also been arranged for groups to view alternative accommodation. Each group was also asked to complete a group information form detailing their requirements and to confirm that they have been consulted. Data and research has been gathered from The Quay Zone and the groups direct. This includes the number of users per group, group details and details regarding the sessions.
Partners data and research In assessing the impact(s) set out in Section 2 what evidence has been provided by partners? Please specify partners	The Quay Zone provided details on memberships and the individual groups provided details on their group requirements.
Gaps and Uncertainties Have you identified any gaps or uncertainties in your understanding of the issues or impacts that need to be explored further?	The main gap or uncertainty is a suitable site or accommodation not being identified for Opportunities for Retirement (OIR) group. This will need to be explored further to consider other options. The group have been offered space however they have deemed it unsuitable.

Section Four: Detailed Action Plan to address identified gaps in:

a) evidence and

b) to mitigate negative impacts

No.	Action	Responsible Officer(s)	Timescale
1	Officers will continue to consider options to accommodate the groups in other premises.	Jamie Tait	Ongoing
2	If the decision to relocate is recommended, officers would support the relocation to support the individual groups needs.	Jamie Tait	Ongoing

3	Discretion will also be applied to ensure any group who is being displaced is not negatively impacted financially.	
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Note: Please add more rows as required.
Section Five - Performance monitoring and reporting

Considering the policy as a whole, including its equality and diversity implications:

When is the policy intended to come into effect?	If the decision is made to relocate The Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre, it is recommended that Officers work alongside GCCUR and The Quay Zone to support the relocation of groups impacted by this decision.
	It is recommended that this decision would come into effect May 2024, however an exact date would be discussed and agreed with GCCUR and The Quay Zone.
When will the policy be reviewed?	This is a temporary arrangement. Officers will continue to liaise with GCCUR during the relocation of The Quay Zone to ensure they are fully informed.
Which Panel will have oversight of the policy?	Cabinet will have oversight of this decision.



Section 6

South Ayrshire Council

Appendix

Summary Equality Impact Assessment Implications & Mitigating Actions

Name of Policy: Relocation of The Quay Zone Gym to Girvan Community Centre on a temporary basis.

This policy will assist or inhibit the Council's ability to eliminate discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations as follows:

Eliminate discrimination

- The policy may result in a less favourable outcome for particular groups, however based on the number of users at The Quay Zone and the number of users groups at Girvan Community Centre it is likely the decision will positively impact more than less people.
- Groups have been offered alternative accommodation at no cost. One organisation, who have two sessions per week at Girvan Community Centre, have deemed the alternative accommodation unsuitable.

Advance equality of opportunity

 The decision would support Quay Zone members; however it may impact user from Girvan Community Centre.

Foster good relations

If the decision to accommodate The Quay Zone in Girvan Community Centre is agreed this is likely to have a positive impact on the community.

Members should be aware this may also have a negative impact on a certain group if suitable accommodation cannot be secured for them.

Consider Socio-Economic Disadvantage (Fairer Scotland Duty)

The decision could have both a positive and negative impact on low income families and members of the community.

Summary of Key Action to Mitigate Negative Impacts	
Actions	Timescale
The decision will impact groups; however groups will be supported to relocate.	April – October 24
Suitable accommodation may not be available for the OIR groups; however Officers will continue to consider options for the group.	April – October 24

Signed:	Jamie	Tait	Service	Lead
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